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TAGS: MARR, BB, US

SUBJ: U.S. NAVAL FACILITY BARBADOS

REF: BRIDGETOWN 0033

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED SIMULTANEOUS PRESS  
RELEASE IN BRIDGETOWN BY THE MINISTRY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND  
THIS EMBASSY ANNOUNCING THE EXTENSION FOR ONE YEAR OF THE  
1961 AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE USE OF THE U.S. NAVAL FACILITY IN  
BARBADOS.

2. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE RELEASE WOULD BE MADE AT MID-DAY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10. FOREIGN MINISTER FORDE WOULD MAKE A  
STATEMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO THE PARLIAMENT EARLIER THAT  
MORNING. THE MINISTRY AND THE EMBASSY WOULD THEREAFTER RELEASE  
THE JOINTLY APPROVED TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S  
CONCURRENCE VIA NIACT IMMEDIATE.

4. BEGIN QUOTE:  
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"THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES  
NAVAL FACILITY AT HARRISON'S ST. LUCY WAS ESTABLISHED  
WAS DUE TO EXPIRE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1977 UNDER THE TERMS  
OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN SEPTEMBER 1961 BETWEEN THE  
FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"DURING THE COURSE OF 1977 DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF BARBADOS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THESE CULMINATED IN A MEETING BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS DURING NOVEMBER.

"THESE DISCUSSIONS SOUGHT TO ARRIVE AT A FORMULA WHICH WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED USE OF THE FACILITY BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD SAFEGUARD THE RESPECTIVE INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"HOWEVER THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN CONCLUSIVE AND THE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES AGREED TO AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR 12 MONTHS FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1978 ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY CONDITIONS AGREED BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE EXTENDED AGREEMENT WILL APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO 1ST JANUARY, 1978 AND THAT AN ECONOMIC RENT FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITY WILL IN ANY EVENT BE PAYABLE FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1978.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A NEW AGREEMENT WILL BE CONTINUED SOON IN THE SAME FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS SO FAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHARACTERISED THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS AND THE RELATIONS GENERALLY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." END QUOTE.  
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